

Editorial

Laws against hate mean human dignity for all

The week before last Isaiah Nixon, 28-year-old Negro sharecropper of Montgomery County, Ga., was shot and killed by two white farmers a few hours after he had insisted on exercising his right to cast a ballot in the Georgia election. His was the only ballot cast by a Negro in a county where more than 5000 Negroes live.

Last week Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, 80-year-old co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was dismissed from his post as research director of the NAACP after he had charged that the association has tied itself to "the reactionary, warmongering colonial imperialism of the present (Truman) administration." Dr. DuBois has been active in support of Henry Wallace's program for full and equal rights for the Negro people.

Although they happened hundreds of miles apart, these two incidents are closely interwoven in a pattern of terrorism and intimidation that threatens to blot out the last semblance of democracy in our country.

The humble Negro sharecropper in Georgia and the world-renowned historian and Negro leader in New York both shared the fundamental idea that human dignity demands that men speak out for the things in which they believe. They both found that the price of human dignity is high in the United States today.

The Truman "loyalty" purge, the white-supremacists, the House un-American committee, the professional warmongers, and the paid-press propagandists have cast the mask of fear over our democratic institutions. Too many men and women have found that their life or their livelihood is the price they must pay for human dignity.

And the price of human dignity will remain high as long as the American people—Negro and white, city workers and farmers—permit themselves to be misled by the promises of the lip-service liberals, the INACTIONARIES who talk big and act not at all.

Wallace's trip through the South, where he spoke only to unsegregated audiences, did more to promote human dignity and civil rights in two weeks than the Truman promises, cast on a wind that is scheduled to die on Nov. 2, will ever do.

Truman has consistently bypassed the authority he holds which could end segregation in the armed forces and eliminate discrimination from departments of the federal government. But when it came to action he knuckled under to his own Secretary of the Army on the matter of segregation in the Army. He could have accomplished much, but all he did was talk.

Human dignity will return to the American people when courage and conscience return to the White House. Henry Wallace said it right when he told a Southern white-supremacist: "We know we cannot legislate love. But we can pass laws against hate and for the dignity of the individual citizen."

Politics

and People by Bill Carr

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HENRY WALLACE SAYS: Truman can't deliver

(From a Speech at
Baltimore, Md., Sept. 12)

IT IS amazing to hear Truman and his supporters from the trade unions bellow against monopoly and finance capital when the Truman Administration has put Wall Street and the military in the saddle.

I sat in his Cabinet and I saw them seize his hands and guide them. Of the hundred and



twenty-five men he appointed to key civilian jobs, ninety-seven were men of Big Money or Big Brass.

Congress didn't force the President to appoint such men. He chose them, and they render full service to the interests they represent.

Never in our history has the Government been such a rich pork barrel for giant corporations.

The corporate interests of Baltimore have been handsomely fed from this pork barrel.

BETHLEHEM Steel, for example. This corporation obtained a million tons of scrap at bargain prices that mean an extra profit of at least ten million dollars.

This wasn't ordinary scrap. It was hundreds of millions of dollars worth of the products of American factories, bought with American taxpayers money and American workers' labor—first turned over by the Army to the corrupt Government of China, then declared scrap and purchased at bargain prices by Bethlehem Steel.

Certainly the bi-partisan Congress has done much to swell the steel trusts profits—but Mr. Truman can't blame that one on Congress.

And then there is the Glenn L. Martin Company. Here is the war-baby which lost almost as much money in one year of peacetime operation as it made in the best year of war profits. Expanding orders to support the war scare are bringing good times back to the Martin Company.

I HAVE said, and I say again, that it is absolutely vital for the security of these United States that those corporations which cannot exist by peacetime production must be stopped from lobbying for militarism. It is intolerable that the methods of pork barrel politics should bring the risk of war.

I stand for Government purchase and operation of the military airplane industry, to take the profits out of fear.

We read the headlines of war tensions in Berlin. But we do not always know the sources of that danger. One of them has an address here in Baltimore—Number Ten Light Street. Number Ten Light is listed as the corporate headquarters of the Hugo Stinnes Corporation. This corporation controls seven billion tons of Ruhr coal—as well as Mr. Hugo Stinnes himself, the German magnate after whom the corporation is named.

The men of this corporation profited from the building of the Hitler war machine. Is it any wonder that they should try again—that they should favor a policy of rebuilding the Ruhr as a center of war industry, of recreating a Germany run by militarists and such men as Stinnes, Krupp, and Thyssen?

Is it any wonder that they should seek influence in high places to these ends?

THEY have it. Their man for all practical purposes moved into the White House almost the day after Roosevelt died. Their Vice-President and director, George E. Allen, is one of Mr. Truman's close personal advisors.

What about this vested interest, Mr. President? Do you forget about George Allen when you pose as the people's champion?

Mr. President, you can pose, but you can't deliver the goods. Only the Progressive Party, a people's party, a party without ties to monopoly can root out and destroy these international cartels. And they must be destroyed if we are to build peace.



By PETER WILLIAMS

IT'S EARLY for earmuffs . . . but, according to delegates to the CIO United Electrical Workers (UE) convention in N.Y., Henry Luce's "Life" photographers who covered the meet tried to persuade UEers to put on earmuffs—at the precise moment when Henry Wallace appeared to speak. Anything for a picture. . . .

It didn't work though. Convention voted to bar "Life" photogs from the press section. Later—N.Y. newspapers carried headlines something like this: "Iron curtain surrounds UE convention—'Life' photographers barred." Oh well—that's "Life!"

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TWO Wallaceites we know almost became parents at last week's Wallace rally at Wrigley Field. It happened this way:

Mr. Stork was long overdue at the home of Chuck and Yolanda Hall—but Yolanda couldn't bear to miss the rally.

It was during Wallace's speech that Yolanda's labor pains began. "Don't worry," advised her sister, Helen—who happens to be a registered nurse, "you've got plenty of time. Stay for the rest of the speech."

The rally ended at 11:30, and at 2 a.m., Yolanda—safe in the hospital—gave birth to an 8 pound, 11 ounce baby girl, Nancy.

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Concessionnaires at the Progressives' Wrigley Field rally caught on fast. Like that peanut vendor in the press section who did a land office business shouting: "Hey! I've got PROGRESSIVE peanuts!"

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PRESS: Herm Kogan is back on the job as "Sun-Times" rewrite man, after a leave of absence to whip his book about "Bet A Million Gates" into shape. Book comes out this month. In November Herm's heading for N.Y. to talk about his book on Mary Margaret McBride's radio show. One report has it Herm's worried about what to say on the show. "After all," a friend quotes Herm, "I don't know any good recipes!"

There's a crock at the end of Sinon's rainbow

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coming from Murray. He never showed such a disdain for "bullets and bombs" when his gangster pals were bloodying the streets of Chicago during Prohibition.

THE heat is off the bookies, it seems. About 10 days ago the handbooks began reopening, many of them in their old locations. For about six months the boys who rake in the daily doubloons had a rough time of it, but those lean days seem to be over now.

All of this is liable to set a lot of people to wondering why Mayor Kennely's police force decided to let up on the pony peddlers just a few weeks before the elections. Could it be that the Democrats are getting financial support from the bet-takers?

DON'T know how much truth there is to it, but a report—straight from the horse's molar, it's claimed—from Pekin has it that Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, an old-timer in Congress, was promised a high post in the government if Dewey wins. Dirksen is not running for re-election. He's said to be ill.

RAGNAR ("Rags") Nelson must feel that the bribery charge levelled against him last year hasn't hurt his standing with the folks in the 13th senatorial district. At any rate, he's running for re-election.

You'll remember that Joe Majzcek, who was freed by a pardon after the Sun-Times proved him innocent of the murder for which he was framed, accused Rags of

extorting a sizable bribe from him in return for Rags' assistance in getting the General Assembly to pass a bill compensating Majzcek for his 11 wasted years in jail.

Rags denied the charge, and a grand jury decided that he was telling the truth.

UP IN the 13th Congressional district, on the North Shore, Rep. Ralph Church is running for Congress again on the GOP ticket. He's hoping that the decent people in his area won't remember that there's a resolution before Congress which would free Joe Kamp, the fascist pamphleteer, from jail. The resolution was introduced by Church. Kamp's specialty is anti-Jewish agitation.